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SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" What are the general principles and rules underlying the policy of issuing these permits? "

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" The whole Act is placed on the table of the House."

Madras Veterinary College.

* 891 Q.—SRI A. RATNAM (on behalf of Sri D. Dasarathan) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state— 8-20 a.m.

(a) how many persons are employed in the Madras Veterinary College; and

(b) whether there is any special allowance attached to any of the posts in the Madras Veterinary College?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (a) 161 persons are employed in the Madras Veterinary College.

" (b) The following members of the staff are in receipt of special allowance or speical pay as the case may be :—

(1) One Veterinary Assistant Surgeon—Rs. 20 per mensem for X-Ray work.

(2) Head clerk—Rs. 10 per mensem for supervisory work over other clerks.

(3) Accountant—Rs. 10 for Hostel work.

(4) Two typists—Rs. 10 per mensem each for higher grade qualification in typewriting.

(5) One Farrier—Rs. 15 as Instructor's allowance."

District and Assistant Veterinary Officers belonging to Harijan community.

* 892 Q.—SRI A. RATNAM (on behalf of Sri D. Dasarathan) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) the number of District Veterinary Officers and Assistant Veterinary Surgeons belonging to the Harijan Community in the State; and

(b) in case of District Veterinary Officers, how many of them are direct recruits and how many are promotees?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (a) District Veterinary Officer—1.

Veterinary Assistant Surgeons—2.

" (b) The only Harijan District Veterinary Officer is a promotee."

Transfer of roads from the control of Local Boards to Highways Department in Tanjore district.

* 893 Q.—SRI S. RAMALINGAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state the number of roads together with their total length in miles proposed to be transferred from the control of Local Boards to the Highways Department in Tanjore district during 1954–55?

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THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" A stretch of the Poonthottam-Nachiarkoil Road, measuring 1 mile and 4 furlongs, is proposed to be transferred in 1954–55 from the control of Local Board to the Highways Department."

SRI S. RAMALINGAM :—" பஸ்கள் போய்க்கொண்டிருக்கக்கூடிய சில முக்கியமான ரோடுகள் ஜில்லா போர்டு நிர்வாகத்தில் இருப்பதால், சரியாக கண்காணிக்கப்படவில்லை. சர்க்கார் சொன்ன பதிலிலிருந்து ஒரு மைல் எடுத்துக்கொள்ளப்பட்டிருப்பதாகத் தெரிகிறது. இன்னும் அதிகப்படியான ரோடுகளையும், அதிகப்படியான பஸ்களையும் ஏற்படுத்தி அதிக வசதிகளைச் செய்ய சர்க்கார் முன் வருவார்களா ? "

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" The policy of the Government is only to take over all the major district roads so as to keep up a standardized level of these roads. But then it is all due to finance and other things that we cannot go as fast as we wish to."

Maternity centres in the City.

* 894 *Q*.—SRI A. RATNAM (on behalf of Sri D. Dasarathan) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many maternity centres there are in the City of Madras;

(*b*) how many persons are working in the maternity centres;

(*c*) the amount spent on establishment last year; and

(*d*) whether there is any proposal to open more maternity centres and more number of beds in the existing centres?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) 17 centres with wards and 13 centres without wards.

" (*b*) Assistant Surgeons—25.
Health visitors—31.
Sick nurses—8.
Compounders—25.
Midwives—223.
Peons—95.
Ward ayahs—37.
Ward scavengers—40.
Centre ayahs—27.
Centre scavengers—11.

" (*c*) Rs. 6,39,545.

" (*d*) The Corporation has a proposal to reorganize the existing Maternity and Child Welfare Centres in the City."